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**Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**  
**Expedited Procedure Examining**  
**Group 3682**

PATENT  
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shinji KUGA et al. Conf.: 3205  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 21, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated January 21, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Claim Set as Amended; and**  
**Remarks.**



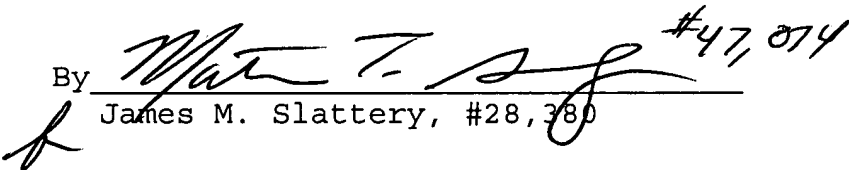
- ☐ Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.
- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is(are) enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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